New coal deposits

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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new coal deposits have been explored by the Geological Survey of India in 2004;

(b) if so, the locations and quantum thereof, Statewise; and

(c) the quantity of coal deposits assessed to be existing till December, 2004, including these new deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Total additional coal resources estimated by Geological Survey of India during 2004 through regional exploration in parts of different coalfields of the country are 1713.34 million tonnes. State-wise break up indicating location of coal deposits is given as under:

State	Area	Coal Resources in Million Tonnes
West Bengal	Gopalnagar-Ganpur Birbhum Distt.	418.98
Jharkhand	Kolkulidangal-Sizasal Dumka District	355.50
	Patal West, Hazaribagh and Ranchi District	1.33
	Total for Jharkhand,	356.83
Chhattisgarh	Amgaon-Kaughan, Raigarh Distt.	393.60
Madhya Pradesh	Singhpur, Shahdol, Distt.	100.73
	Ghunguti, Shahdol, District	126.98
	Ujheni-Gondbahera, Sidhi, District	301.47
	Chopna-Shaktigarh, Betul, District	14.75
	Total for Madhya Pradesh,	543.93
Total		**1713.34**

(c) The coal resources of the country as on 31.12.2004 including these new deposits stand at 2,47,846.85 million tonnes.

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